

**Project:** Keith Springs Mountain Water Infrastructure

**Recipient:** Franklin County Government

**Address:** 1 South Jefferson Street, Winchester, Tennessee 37398

**Subcommittee:** Interior and Environment

**Amount requested:** \$500,000

**Project description:** The funds will be used to extend water lines from the Cumberland Mountain Water Authority (CMWA), atop the plateau, in Skyline, Alabama. The CMWA, which purchases its water from Scottsboro, Alabama and has committed to sell water to the project, has a waterline within five miles of the Tennessee/Alabama state line. The project provides for an eight-inch pipeline to be constructed from the nearest community, Hytop, Alabama, some fifteen miles distant along Alabama Highway 79 and Tennessee Highway 16, just to bring it to the first homes in the Keith Springs community and then distributed across and around the mountaintop to all residences.

Due to the sheer isolation of this community, as well as the difficult economic circumstances of the residents, it is imperative that as much assistance as possible be provided. The new jobs and opportunities that will come as a result of this project will make a strong impact on the county which has a long history of unemployment and economic depression.

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